

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*

Enclosure.

OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE,  
Columbus, Ohio, December 12, 2007.

Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. MILLER: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, for Representative in Congress from the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, show that Robert E. Latta received 56,387 votes of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Robert E. Latta was elected as Representative in Congress from the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all 16 counties of the Fifth Congressional District involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

JENNIFER BRUNNER.

#### PROVIDING FOR SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. LATTA, OF OHIO, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. REGULA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Ohio, the Honorable ROBERT E. LATTA, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

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#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 12, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from Ms. Nancy Rodrigues, Secretary, State Board of Elections, the Commonwealth of Virginia, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held December 11, 2007, the Honorable Robert J. "Rob" Wittman was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, Commonwealth of Virginia.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*

Enclosure.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,  
Richmond, VA, December 12, 2007.

Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. MILLER: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, for Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District of Virginia, show that Robert J. "Rob" Wittman received 50,079 of the total number of votes cast, 84,252 for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Robert J. "Rob" Wittman was elected as Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District of Virginia.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by the counties of Caroline, Essex, Fauquier, Gloucester, James City, King & Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Prince William, Richmond County, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Westmoreland and York, and all or part of the cities of Fredericksburg, Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson and Williamsburg involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law on December 20, 2007.

Sincerely,

NANCY RODRIGUES,  
*Secretary.*

#### PROVIDING FOR SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT J. WITTMAN, OF VIRGINIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Virginia, the Honorable ROBERT J. "ROB" WITTMAN, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

#### SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. LATTA, OF OHIO, AND THE HONORABLE ROBERT J. "ROB" WITTMAN, OF VIRGINIA, AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Representatives-elect and the members of their respective delegations present themselves in the well.

Mr. LATTA and Mr. WITTMAN appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now Members of the 110th Congress.

#### WELCOMING THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. LATTA TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. REGULA).

Mr. REGULA. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to introduce the newest Member of our body from Ohio, Mr. ROBERT LATTA.

There is a lot that I can say. He has an outstanding record in the Ohio legislature. He has a lot of community activities. One that I especially like is he was very active in the 4-H program, and that's something close to my heart.

But let me say, BOB, you have a wonderful legacy to uphold here. Your father served here for 30 years, an outstanding Member, Del Latta, for a few of us that still remember him well, a great Member. And then you succeed Paul Gillmor, who had 20 years of outstanding service. So the 5th District of Ohio has had 50 years as a legacy of great service. And looking at your record in the Ohio legislature, I know that you will carry on the same record of great service to the people of that district and to the State of Ohio. And I'm happy, as the senior Member, to welcome you as a new Member of this great body.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio.

Ms. KAPTUR. I thank the gentleman.

And on behalf of our entire Buckeye delegation, and with poignancy on this occasion, during this season of new light, please let me welcome Congressman ROBERT LATTA of Wood County, Ohio, to the ranks of the 110th Congress of the United States.

I can share with our colleagues that BOB is a man who has lived the commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother." Delbert and Rosemary must be so elated today.

BOB also has honored his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Vern and Carol Sloan of Williams County, such very, very good citizens. BOB's father Delbert, as RALPH has said, served dutifully for three decades in this Chamber until 1989. What a Christmas gift this swearing-in must be for the Latta and Sloan families.

BOB has been a loving husband to his gifted wife, Marcia, and a real father to his daughters, Elizabeth and Maria. I know how proud they all are today.

His public service has been exemplary, with 15 years of service in the Ohio legislature. We welcome him warmly to the ranks of the Ohio delegation. Indeed, we need his help to pull our Buckeye State forward in more than football.

Let me wish you and your family Godspeed on behalf of our entire delegation with healthy and productive years of service to our blessed Nation. Onward, and congratulations.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA).